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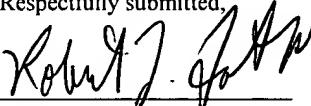
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are made in response to the Office action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2003 (the "Office action"), for which the shortened statutory period set for response expires on March 4, 2004. Applicants believe that no extension-of-time or other fee is required for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry and consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.